(b) and (c) Standard building for Remote Line unit type of exchange is proposed to be constructed at Chengannur The detailed drawings and detailed estimates for this building are likely to be finalised by Octcbcr, 1990.

Pension *to* widows of Punjab terrorist victims

1847. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(3) the number of widows of victims of terrorism in Punjab who are being given pensions as on 1st January, 1990 and at what state;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration' to increase this rate; and

(c) the number of applications of eligible widows for pension that were pending as on 1st January, 1990 alongwith the district-wise details of the names of the deceased; the date on which the deceased was killed, the reasons for which pension had not been sanctioned, and also by what time pension is likely to be sanctioned in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Govt, of Punjab have announced an increase in the rate of pension to be paid to the widows whose husbands were killed by terrorists. The number of widow who were being given persicn as on 1st January, 1990 the number of applications of eligible widows which were pending on that date and other details mentioned in parts (a*)* and (c) of the question are awaited from the Govt, of Punjab.

Financial assistance to dependents of Punjab terrorist victims

1848- SHRI CHATURANAN Ml-SHRA: Will the- Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance admissible to the next of kin/d pendents of vi< tims of terrorism in Punjab in case victims i? (a) poticeman, (b) Home guards, (*c)* SPO, (d)Central Government employees, (f) Punjab Government employee, (f) an ordinary citizen but an carning hand, (i) a child or non-earning hand and (h) a member of a village defence committee; and

(b) whether it is a fact fact financial assistance- is admissible to. the other or next of kin if a police - man if killed by terrorist? ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) As reported by the Govt, of Punjab, Special ex-gratia grant to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh is allowed in case of bereaved families of Punjab Police personnel and member of para-military forces like CRPF, BSF, RPF etc. who were/are killed at the hands of extremists and Rs. 1.10 lakhs is paid to the families of Gazetted Officers killed in terrorist action. The amount of ex-gratia grant admissible to the families of Punjab Police personnel is also taken into account while allowing the amount of Special ex-gratia grant in the cases. Besides this, 'special family pension equivalent to last pay drawn by the deceased Punjab Police personnel concerned immediately before his death is also allowed to bereaved family upto national date of superannuation and thereafter half of the last pay till another 7 years, and afterwards at the normal rates as per relevant instructions of the State Govt. A family gratuity equivalent to six months pay with minimum of Rs. 6,000/- and maximum of Rs. 12,000/ is also paid.